Complaint from PTI employees

2598. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether she has received a complaint from the Press Trust of India Employees Union, Delhi regarding alleged misappropriation of one-day salary contribution of the PTI employees to the PM's National Relief Fund during Kargil war and Gujarat earthquake; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken, if any, thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, the Press Trust of India has informed that its employees made contributions for the Gujarat earthquake victims, and a cheque for an amount of Rs.3,57,036.95/- was deposited in the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund by PTI and that an amount of Rs.3,01,000/- was deposited in favour of National Defence Fund by PTI for the Kargil war.

Demands of PTI employees

2599. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is unrest among the employees of PTI and they are sitting on *Dharna* since 11th October, 2002 because of their unfulfilled demands;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 700 employees of PTI have left the organization in the last seven years;

(c) whether PTI management is biased towards one political party;

(d) the benefit to Government from PTI;

(e) the reaction of Government on the demand of the employees; and

(f) whether Government propose to institute an inquiry into the affairs of PTI?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.